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	POLICY ON CARE OF PEADIATRIC PATIENTS	Date:06-01-2017
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1.0 Purpose:

To define a system that guides the care of Pediatric patients.

2.0 Scope:

This policy and procedure applies to Pediatric patients treated at Apollo Hospitals, Secunderabad

3.0 Definition:

- 3.1. **Pediatric Patients** - Patients less than or equal to 18 years old including premature, newborns, neonates, infants, toddlers, children and adolescents.
- 3.2. **Premature Baby** - A baby born at or before 37th week of gestation period.
- 3.3. **Neonate** - A newborn baby up to first four weeks of life.
- 3.4. **Infant** - A child under 1 year of age and/or who is unable to walk unassisted.
- 3.5. **Adolescent** - A child with time period between beginning of puberty and adulthood.
- 3.6. **Competency** - It is the process of evaluating the performance of employees during a defined period of time with the aim of ascertaining their suitability for the job, potential for growth as well as determining training needs.

4.0 Responsibility:

Medical Administration and Nursing Administration is responsible to ensure and monitor compliance to this policy and procedure.

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5.0 Policy:

5.1 Scope of Pediatric services is defined and displayed at prominent locations in the hospital.

5.2 Policy and procedure for prevention of child abduction/abuse/swapping is defined.

6.0 PROCEDURE

6.1 Scope of Pediatric Services

6.1.1 Medical Services

a.a. General Services

6.1.2 Surgical Services

a.a. Day care surgery

a.b. Pediatric laparoscopy

a.c. Pediatric thoracic surgery

a.d. Pediatric neurosurgery

a.e. Pediatric urology

6.2 Persons caring for Pediatric patients shall meet the following requirements.

6.2.1 Doctors – MD, DCH, DNB, or MBBS, DCH, DNB in Pediatrics.

6.2.2 Nurses –Nurses with PALS certification.



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- 6.3 Pediatric patient assessment including Nutrition, growth, psychological and immunization aspects is done and documented in patient's medical record.
- 6.4 Consultants, nurses and dieticians are responsible for patient family education and documentation including nutrition, immunization and safe parenting.
- 6.5 Preventive measures are taken to prevent child/neonate abduction/swapping

7. RECORDS

- Inpatient case sheet.
- Pediatric Admission record.
- Policy and Procedure on Child Abduction.